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BLAZED SCHOOL: SORRY, KIDS, WE'RE OPEN



Buildings saved after rapid response from 15 crews of firefighters

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A SOUTHEND school has confirmed that it will be open for the start of the new school year – despite a major fire breaking out on its premises.

Students at the Cecil Jones Academy in Eastern Avenue have been told – via the school website – to return for the start of term on Monday September 5.

Firefighters had been called to

the school shortly before 4.30pm on Tuesday, August 23.

Incident commander Neil Fenwick said the fire – attended by 15 fire crews – spread mainly in the roof and first floor of the building.

Eastern Avenue was closed as a safety precaution during the fire-fighting operations, which used three main jets, three hose reel jets and a monitor from the Aerial Ladder Platform.

The blaze was eventually brought under control by 7.15pm, with fire-

fighters continuing to tackle the fire until the last fire engine left the scene shortly after 00.10am.

Mr Fenwick said: "Initially, we had difficulties with the water supply, so our crews quickly set about establishing an alternative supply – using a nearby swimming pool and a water main from further down the road.

"At the peak of the incident, we had 12 fire engines and the aerial ladder platform working to tackle the fire," said Mr Fenwick.

"Crews worked in extremely

arduous conditions, and did an excellent job containing the fire to one building.

"We were aware that the building contained a science lab containing hazardous materials. It was far from the fire, but crews still removed these materials."

The Essex fire service confirmed that there were no suspicious circumstances relating to the blaze, and confirmed that the source of the blaze was from roof work being carried out by building contractors.

The school was opened for year 11 students to get their GCSE results last Thursday.

Bev Williams, the school's executive principal, said: "I would like to thank the fire service for their fantastic response. Their quick action stopped the fire spreading to other buildings, and minimised the damage to the affected building."

Ms Williams said the school would be regularly updating its website in the near future.

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HEAT IS ON Firefighters tackle the blaze on the first floor and roof of the Cecil Jones Academy

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Man deserves to be recognised for his quick-thinking and bravery, say police

Hero saves boy from drowning

POLICE are trying to identify a have-a-go hero who pulled a drowning boy from Southend's Lagoon, a month after it opened.

The man jumped into The Lagoon, Western Esplanade, fully clothed after a six-year-old boy got into difficulties on Wednesday, August 24.

Officers said the boy, who could not swim, had wandered into a two-metre deep section of water and struggled to keep afloat before disappearing.

The man, who was watching his own son swim nearby, jumped in and saved the boy, who was from Peckham, south London.

The boy made a full recovery and was taken home by his mother.

Sgt Ian Hughes said: "The man saw what happened and just jumped in and brought the struggling boy to safety."

"There is no doubt that he saved the boy from drowning and deserves to be recognised for his quick-thinking and bravery."

"Unfortunately, he left the scene soon after the rescue because his own son wanted to go on a ride at Adventure Island."

"His clothes were soaking wet but he wanted to make sure his son had that ride."

Sgt Hughes said he hoped the man would come forward and contact him at Southend police station by dialling 101 for Essex Police.



DRAMA: Southend Lagoon, where a boy was saved from drowning Photo by Martin Dalton

Scott Dolling, Southend Council's head of enterprise, tourism and regeneration, said it was aware of the incident.

He said: "The lagoon is not a swimming pool but rather a part of the sea."

"Therefore, we would like to remind visitors that, like with all parts of the seafront, vigilance should be practised. Although we have a trained first aider available at peak times, practising

vigilance will help prevent accidents."

Mr Dolling also advised people to supervise children and vulnerable adults at all times, wear appropriate footwear and heed the warning signs.

A council spokesman said that it had no plans to increase safety measures but holds safety in constant review with its partners in the emergency services.

Company's 'amazing' fundraising effort for baby unit scanner

A HIGH-TECH scanner is being used in the special care baby unit at Southend Hospital after a year of fundraising by a Southend company.

The charity committee of Olympus KeyMed raised more than £55,000 towards the scanner which cost £47,000. The rest of the money will be spent on the unit.

Committee chairman Ben Aldridge said: "We originally set a target of £30,000 to help with the cost of buying a new scanner for the unit, which even we were unsure we could meet.

"It's been hugely inspiring and we all feel amazingly proud."

"With two members of the committee having used the special care baby unit, it was something close to all our hearts and we therefore decided to



EQUIPMENT: The Olympus KeyMed team and hospital staff with the scanner

support them with our fundraising efforts."

Over the last year the Olympus KeyMed team organised car washes,

waxing events and fundraising evenings.

Consultant paediatrician Dr Arfa Khan said: "We truly cannot thank the charity committee and the staff at Olympus KeyMed enough – their hard work and dedication to fundraising for this scanner has really been amazing."

"This equipment will make a huge difference to the unit and our patients."

"It is portable, and allows us to scan babies in their incubators, which is much safer."

He added that the hospital would be able to carry out heart scans live over telemedicine link with specialist teams such as The Royal Brompton Hospital in London, so they can help to provide assessments remotely.

Street lights 'shining example' of green tech

A TWO-YEAR, £13.5million project to install LED lamps across Southend is set to be completed on schedule.

The scheme, which is the first of its kind in England to be part-financed through the Green Investment Bank, is set to be finished by August 2017.

A Southend Council spokesman said it will enable street lights to be kept on throughout the night, and provide significant savings while cutting carbon emissions and light pollution.

More than half of the council's 14,000 street lighting columns have been modified or replaced, with new lighting units installed.

Cllr Tony Cox, executive councillor for transport, waste and cleansing, said: "This is a welcome milestone and a shining example of how investment in green technology can pay both financial and environmental dividends."

"The new lights are proving really popular with most local residents. Many are commenting on the improvement in quality of the light, which is whiter, brighter and more targeted than traditional street lights so that it stays on the road rather than spilling into properties."

"I now look forward to the successful delivery of the rest of the project and invite other authorities to get in touch with us so that we can share what we have learnt."

New central Government guidance on illuminated "street furniture" – primarily signs and bollards – means that many electrically-lit signs will soon be replaced by ultra-reflective signs.

Cllr Cox added: "Rationalising how we position and light up bollards and signage throughout the borough will boost our environmental credentials even further."

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LEGACY: Katie Hart-Greenfield and dad Nick Hart

Tribute cricket match raises hospice cash

A FUNDRAISING group set up in memory of a Westcliff schoolgirl has raised more than £3,000 through its eighth cricket match for the charity which cared for her.

Friends of Katie was established after Katie Hart-Greenfield, 15, died in 2008. She was diagnosed with brain cancer at 13.

The group, made up of family and close friends, raises money for Little Havens Hospice, where she was cared for before she died.

To date, the group has raised more than £100,000.

The match at Little Baddow Cricket Club on July 31 raised more than £3,000.

Playing for Team Katie on the day was Katie's uncle, cousin, close



TEAMWORK: The Friends of Katie group at the cricket match

friends and supporters of Friends of Katie against a side provided by Sue Ryder and her family in memory of Alan Ryder who died of cancer in 2015.

On the day, Team Katie won by nine wickets.

Katie's dad Nick Hart, 54, from Hawkwell, said: "After a break last year we were determined to make this

year's Friends of Katie cricket match a huge success and I'm delighted to say that we achieved this. It was a wonderful tribute to my daughter Katie who was cared for and looked after by Little Havens at the most challenging and difficult time of our lives."

For more on fundraising for or the care provided by Little Havens visit [havenshospices.org.uk](http://www.havenshospices.org.uk).

Obese and smokers may face surgery restrictions

Have your say on changes to eligibility criteria for orthopaedics

RESIDENTS in Southend, Castle Point and Rochford are being asked for their views on proposals to restrict access to orthopaedic surgery.

The restrictions are proposed for hip, joint and knee replacements as well as arthroscopy.

NHS Southend clinical commissioning group (CCG) and NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG said they are jointly reviewing their policies to "improve outcomes" for patients after surgery.

The move is supported by Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation

Trust. Clinicians have raised concerns that existing criteria for patients to be eligible for orthopaedic surgery are not stringent enough.

A Southend CCG spokesman claimed patients were undergoing surgery despite having related health conditions, meaning they suffered poorer outcomes as a result.

Dr Brian Houston, Southend CCG governing body member and clinical lead for musculoskeletal clinical assessment, said: "We are potentially going to change our eligibility criteria

for total hip replacements, simultaneous joint replacements, total knee replacements and arthroscopy.

"Surgery is not always completely successful if patients have not addressed other conditions which impact on their physical health.

"There is clear evidence that patients who have a BMI of 40-plus or who smoke have poorer outcomes following hip and knee replacements."

The consultation ends on Wednesday, September 21 and a questionnaire is at <http://bit.ly/CCGorthopaedic>.

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The day will start at 10.30 am on Sunday September 18, launched with a service from the Salvation Army, and the various events will fill the High Street in Old Leigh.

This year's event has been organised by the Leigh Lions Club, along with the 3rd Chalk-

well Bay and 4th/6th Leigh on Sea scouts.

Dunkirk ships Endeavour – where the 'Hoy Shanty Crew' will perform sea songs – and the Gerfalcon will be joined by a modern cockle boat and a variety of performers.

The Regatta Arena at Victoria Car Park will feature games, stalls, entertainment and eating competitions – including bananas and cockles.

There will also be a new 'Sea-

side Stage' on Victoria Wharf, while on Strand Wharf there a beer tent offers a selection of real ales and ciders plus a barbecue.

The stage on Strand Wharf will feature a range of local performers.

In the Foundry Car Park, the scouts will host a coconut shy and crazy kitchen, with children's events based at the Sailing Club Roundabout.

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It's another stellar GCSE performance from Essex pupils

Jump start

ESSEX Council has congratulated secondary schools across the county after a rise in top grades for English and maths.

The authority said 65 per cent of pupils had secured A*-C grades for the two subjects, compared to 61 per cent last year.

There was also an increase in the number of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate, up from 22.4 per cent last year to 24.6 per cent this year.

Tory education boss Ray Gooding said: "Essex is on a fantastic school improvement journey and these results cap another strong year for education in the county."

"With more than nine in ten pupils in the county attending a 'good' or 'outstanding' school – plus last week's strong A-level results – there is certainly a lot for schools to celebrate this summer."

"The county's GCSE results are a testament to the hard work of pupils and staff."

Meanwhile, the Bromfords School in Wickford achieved a pass rate of more than 97 per cent, with 57 per cent of pupils achieving five or more A*-C grades.



PROUD Deanes school
head Desi McKeown

Headteacher Daniel Gee said his pupils had worked "incredibly hard".

And at the Deanes School, Benfleet, headteacher Desi McKeown said he was "extremely proud" of his students.

"They have worked in close partnership with their teachers and contributed positively to growing a climate for success across the whole school," he said.

One Deanes student, Bailey Smith, scored seven A* grades, two As and two Bs.

Another, Rebecca Hickley, scored five A* grades, four As and five Bs.



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Rebecca Hickley: 5 A*s, 4 As, 5 Bs

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Members of Project 49 after the litter pick in Blenheim Park

Sweep hearts

A PROJECT that promotes the inclusion of adults with learning disabilities has helped with the Make Southend Sparkle campaign.

Members of Project 49 gave up their time to clear litter in Blenheim Park on August 19.

Cllr Ann Holland, executive

councillor for culture, tourism and the economy, said: "Project 49 has done so much to help make our town green and attractive. I'm thrilled to see them making a difference in this much loved park."

Cheryl Oksuz, co-ordinator of community inclusion for

Project 49, said: "This was a great opportunity for the people we work with to demonstrate how valuable their contribution is."

To get involved in the campaign, visit southend.gov.uk/makesouthendsparkle or call Sue Todd on 01702 215011.

'Misconduct' PC sacked

AN ESSEX police officer has been sacked for gross misconduct.

PC Simon Lofting was dismissed without notice after carrying out work for a private membership organisation while on duty.

The officer, from the force's marine unit, also 'intentionally

misled' colleagues about the purpose of an information request.

A misconduct panel – chaired last week by Steven Evans, who Essex Police said was an independent, legally qualified person – heard a further allegation that PC Lofting had failed to register a business interest for a property he owned, which was being privately rented.

Assistant Chief Constable Carl O'Malley said: PC Lofting was guilty of "gross misconduct" and that he "fell well below the standard the public expects. Dismissal is regrettably a necessary sanction."

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By Michael Cox

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THE future of Southend's women's refuge is in doubt as the council announced plans to re-tender its domestic abuse services contract.

Southend Council said the current 22-bed refuge would not be necessary, as it plans to go ahead with tailored emergency and crisis help to people on an individual basis.

It says that the re-tendering of the contract will free up £20,000 to be spent on the services.

The refuge, which takes up more than 90 percent of the council's budget for domestic abuse services, has only seen eight percent of its spaces taken up by residents from the borough during the past 16 months.

Women's refuge under scrutiny in review of domestic abuse services

Cllr Lesley Salter, executive councillor for adult social care, said Southend is one of the only areas with a centralised refuge.

She said: "As a consequence other local areas that have long since closed theirs are placing their residents in our facility and the council is paying for

that. At the current time we have only one resident from Southend-on-Sea in the refuge."

"Unfortunately, we can no longer continue this way of working, particularly when we have identified that we can make major improvements to our service in other ways."

"I am very pleased that we have identified extra money for this vital area of work, and we will be improving our service by providing tailored crisis bed support for local individuals, raising awareness and developing prevention programmes that can help stop domestic abuse happening in the

Charley, 12, wins writing competition



WINNER: Charley Mott

A SOUTHEND schoolgirl has been named a regional winner in a writing competition.

Charley Mott, 12, from King Edmund School, won with her story, The Darkness in the Night.

The competition, part of the National Young Writers' Award, was organised by tuition provider Explore Learning, which has a centre in Southchurch Road.

This year's theme was The Mash-up, where children were challenged to write a 500-word story where two genres collide.

Judged by best-selling author Lauren Child, children from all over the UK put their writing skills to the test in an effort to be crowned the nation's best young writer and win the prize of a trophy, a family trip to Disneyland Paris and £500 of books for their school.

Carey Ann Dodah, head of education at Explore Learning, said: "We were once again blown away with both the quality and quantity of entries for the National Young Writers' Awards.

"The competition grows and grows and we're thrilled it has inspired so many children to get writing."

"This year's 'mash-up' theme brought out some brilliantly creative entries, it was a pleasure to read through some of them, many congratulations to Charley."

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first place, I am clear that local funding for this vital area is being spent supporting victims of domestic abuse in Southend and helping to prevent it happening in the first place, and I am delighted that we will actually be increasing the budget for this area of work."

The refuge accommodation and other floating support services are currently provided by Safer Places.

Other domestic abuse services are run by SOS Domestic Abuse Project which supports children, young people and families where there is abuse.

The proposed changes follow a review that the council has undertaken over the past two years into domestic abuse services.

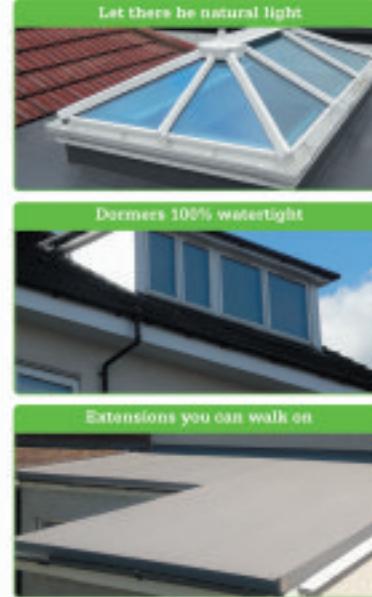
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Viking show raids funds for hospital

TWO community groups based on Canvey have made donations of £300 to a ward at Southend Hospital.

The money will go to the Balmoral ward – which specialises in wounds – after being raised by the Cast and Crew Theatre Workshop and matched by Canvey Rotary Club.

Cast and Crew raised the money from its latest production, and the funds can now go towards medical equipment for the ward.

Ward nurses were introduced to members of the theatre group during rehearsals for their first pantomime "Smut's Saga or Santa and the Vikings", written by Richard Lloyd.

Actor Martin Lepley said: "We like to support good causes – especially local ones – and we're sure our audience members who so generously donate at our shows agree."



FRIENDS INDEED Cast and Crew members present the donations for the wounds ward to Southend hospital staff

The show will be on November 25 and 26 at the War Memorial Hall, Canvey. Box office: 07544 273 535.

Royal thanks for kids' club

MEMBERS of the Little Royalty Club in Southend received a letter and card from Her Majesty The Queen after they sent her cards for her 90th birthday.

Children at the club, based at the Royals Shopping Centre, made their cards at a party held to celebrate the Queen's birthday in April.

The event also featured Royal-themed games, songs and a birthday banquet.



LION HEARTS Members of the Little Royalty Club with the letter and card sent by the Queen

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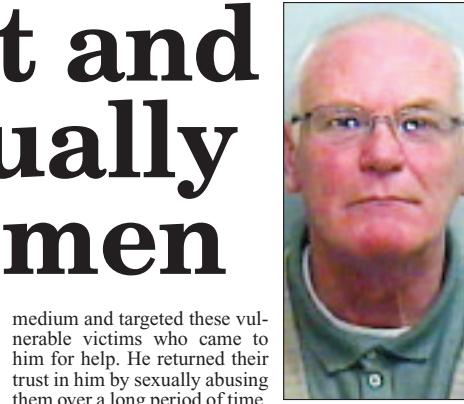
Spiritualist and healer sexually abused women

A REIKI healer who sexually assaulted two patients has been jailed for three years.

Ian Gray, 59, of Point Road, Canvey, was charged with six counts of sexual assault between December 2008 and February 2014 involving five women during reiki healing sessions in Canvey.

He denied the charges and following a trial at Basildon Crown Court, was convicted of four counts and found not guilty of two on July 26.

Gray was sentenced on



PRISON: Ian Gray

Wednesday, August 24 to two-and-a-half years for one count, six months for another to run consecutively, and 18 months each for two counts, to run concurrently. He was placed on the sex offenders register for life and ordered to pay a £120 victim surcharge.

Investigating officer Det Con Jon Holden said: "The sentence given reflects the seriousness of the offences committed against these women. Ian Gray took full advantage of his position as a reiki healer and spiritualist

medium and targeted these vulnerable victims who came to him for help. He returned their trust in him by sexually abusing them over a long period of time.

"Gray was predatory in his actions, grooming his victims while maintaining an air of respectability throughout the local community and spiritualist community. If it wasn't for the bravery of the women who came forward, he would not have been brought to justice and I can only commend them for breaking their silence."

Windmill joins Heritage Open Days scheme

RAYLEIGH Windmill will be joining attractions up and down the country in holding Heritage Open Days.

Volunteers at the windmill will wear period costume and run guided tours on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11 from noon to 4pm. Children will be able to dress up in traditional costume.

On the Saturday there will be a Journey to the East exhibition about Chinese mythology and visitors will be able to learn

about calligraphy.

Artist Connie Flynn will be at the windmill on Sunday showcasing her Finders Keepers – Tales in Textiles exhibition, as well as offering a creative postcard drawing activity.

All materials will be provided and it will cost £1.

The open days are part of a nationwide scheme as buildings stage tours, events and activities to celebrate the country's architecture and culture.

Cllr June Lumley, Rochford

Council's portfolio holder for community, said: "The Heritage Open Days offer a fun way to discover the architecture, history and culture associated with Rayleigh Windmill.

"The volunteers will be in period costume, allowing visitors the chance to experience what it was really like in the days when it was a fully working windmill. I encourage everybody to come and take part in what promises to be a very interesting and fun weekend."

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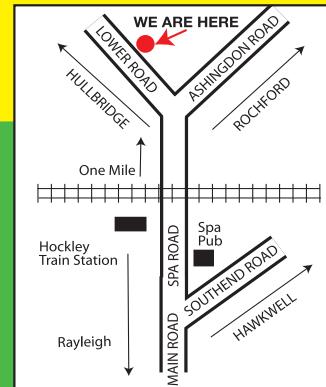
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Do we need another village plan?

ON August 16, I attended, with about 40 residents, a Hockley parish workshop hosted by Hockley Parish Council but presented by Rochford District Council (RDC).

About 10 years ago a Hockley Village Plan was produced and about five years ago a Hockley Area Action Plan.

A lot of good stuff was generated, particularly in the village plan, but as far as I can see, nothing has ever changed from the results of these documents.

Now RDC wants to produce another plan to cover Hockley from 2025.

It would appear from the meeting that the main object is to find areas of land for developers to build additional homes on, although RDC could not say how many would be required.

We have gone through this exercise before and apart from Eldon Way Trading Estate, which will probably never change, only green belt land was found, resulting in the 70 homes now being built on the Folly Lane Estate.

One of the main items highlighted now and in the past is the lack of infrastructure for existing homes, particularly the B1013 road and the Spa roundabout.

This is the responsibility of Essex County Council and it seems doubtful to me that we will see any junction improvements now or after 2025.

Apart from road improvements most residents I talk to are happy with the way our village is now.

Alan James Hockley

Pier repairs too close to high season

WHY has Southend Council in its infinite wisdom decided to carry out essential pile cap replacement work (due to severe corrosion) during the high season, thus rendering the pier trains inoperable until the work is completed?

Already visiting ships to the pier have been affected by the drop in numbers of those willing to walk the distance both ways.

The welcome return of the MV *Balmoral* in June, which

offered many delightful cruises and to a good variety of destinations, was badly affected and I'm sure that many of us would not want next year's visit compromised.

Could anyone tell me why the council's pier inspection took place so close to the pier's high season, when it could have been carried out much earlier in the year, say in January thus allowing adequate time for repairs to be completed?

Towards the end of September we have the *Waverley* coming to the pier for this year's round of excursions and those of us who are not completely mobile will be looking for the trains to be running again.

The *Waverley* paddle steamer is well supported, so come on Southend Council, give us the trains back in time, please!

Len Heinrich
Leigh-on-Sea

Time right for 60% top rate of tax

THE decline of North Sea oil's fortunes is a matter of concern, particularly for the

Scottish economy. It is worth recalling, however, that many benefited substantially and will continue to do so.

In 1988, the then Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, decided, on the back of such good fortune, that the 60p top rate of income

tax that had persisted for nine years of Margaret Thatcher's government should be reduced to 40p.

That is the rate today and in view of our present economic problems it would be equitable to re-establish that top rate. In

view of wage inflation over the last 28 years that rate should perhaps relate to incomes over £150,000 per annum approximating to £2,900 per week.

Les Harrington Benfleet

Donations flood in for school hit by burglary

PARENTS and children at Cedar Hall School in Hart Road, Thundersley, have been left devastated following two burglaries.

Police said a piece of play equipment and a 10ft long wooden pole were damaged and a shed broken into between 3.30pm on August 17 and 9am on August 18.

The special school's chicken coop was smashed on August 21 and 12 chickens taken.

Two were found dead and it is not known how they were killed.

Kelly Townley, treasurer of the school's parent, staff and friends association, called the incident "heart-breaking" and said that her eight-year-old son Eddie, who is a pupil, was upset by what had happened.

Kelly, 36, from Benfleet, added: "It is not just their school but we are like a little family and it affects everybody. It is a special place and a haven."

An online JustGiving page set up to raise money for repairs and new chickens has already generated more than £5,500, while businesses have offered support.

Kelly said: "We are totally overwhelmed by it all. We are just thankful that we have the type of people and residents that we have around us."

Among comments posted on the JustGiving page was one from Julie Jenkinson, whose child has been at the school for eight years.

She wrote: "I am overwhelmed by the gen-



APPEAL: Matthew Jenkinson, Kelly Townley, Hussein Hassan and Julie Jenkinson at Cedar Hall School, Thundersley

Photo by Martin Dalton

erosity and love that has been given to our lovely school."

Emma Matthews, a school governor, posted: "Such mindless cruel destruction is just unfathomable. Thank you so much to the community who have rallied and all the wonderful people who donated."

Police said enquiries are ongoing and anyone with information can call them on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Anyone interested in donating can visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cedar-hall-school-essex.

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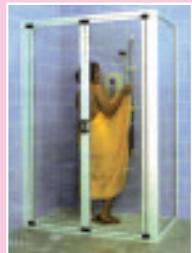
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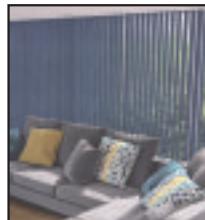
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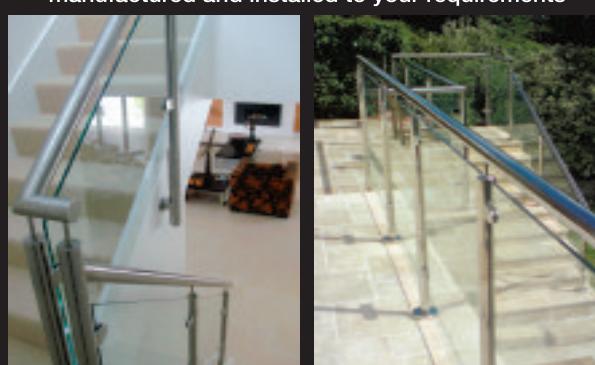
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LIFESTYLE

Strictly swinging

By Liz Wade

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STRICTLY Come Dancing favourites, Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag, will be taking their spectacular new show Swing Time on the road next year with three performances at Southend's Cliffs Pavilion.

The tour, which heads to theatres across the UK and Ireland from January, will include an evening appearance at Cliffs Pavilion on Wednesday, March 8, as well as a matinee and evening performances on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Swing Time promises a wonderful performance of music, song and dance delivered with aplomb by the nation's favourite ballroom couple and a fantastic supporting cast including brilliant star vocalist Lance Ellington, six world-class ensemble dancers and the 25-piece London Concert Orchestra conducted by Richard Balcombe.

This exciting production will feature sensational new choreography and sparkling costumes set to a musical backdrop of timeless classics such as I Could Have Danced All Night, I Got Rhythm, Moondance, I've Got The World On A String, Guys And Dolls and Le Jazz Hot. The show will also feature a popular Q and A section providing some fun interaction with the audience.

Commenting on the new show, Anton said: "Erin and I absolutely love going out on tour. We are in our element."

"We look forward to welcoming old friends and new, and hope they will enjoy the occasion as much as we do."

For Anton, his interest in dance began at the age of 14 when he was sent to a dance class in Sevenoaks, Kent, where he lived, to meet his sister.

He soon began taking classes and he was hooked, going on to study ballet, contemporary, jazz and modern theatre dance.

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Anton and Erin swing

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He worked a number of day jobs after leaving school at the age of 16 to fund his dance training, and the following year he was specialising in ballroom and competing as an amateur.

Erin began dancing at a much earlier age. Born in New Zealand, she started dancing at the tender age of three. She moved to Australia when she was 18 to pursue her dancing ambitions and by 1996 had moved to the UK.

Anton and Erin, who have been dancing partners since 1997, are now one of the country's most widely recognised and best loved ballroom dancing couples.

During the same year they met, the pair made it to the prestigious International Dance Championships at London's Royal Albert Hall. Within a year of forming they won the New Zealand Championships, and again the year after.

They turned professional in 2002 and went on to win championships, accolades and much recognition as they continued to work the competition circuit.

It was here that they caught the eye of the BBC, which had decided it needed a strictly fabulous new show for prime-time Saturday television.

Since being chosen to star in the first series of Strictly Come Dancing in 2004, Anton has appeared in all 13 series to date, while Erin is the only female professional to appear in 10.

Strictly Come Dancing has completely changed Anton's life, having taken him away from the competition circuit and into the living rooms of the nation.

While Erin decided to hang up her Strictly shoes after the 2012 series, the couple's appeal has translated from live television to the stage as they continue to fill theatres and auditoriums across the country.

From choreographing the hit stage show Simply Ballroom, which toured internationally for two years, they have enjoyed a number of acclaimed sell-out tours, including their Cheek To Cheek in 2009, Steppin' Out in 2010, Puttin' On The Ritz in 2011 and Let's Do It in 2012.

For further information and tickets to see Anton and Erin's latest show, Swing Time, on Wednesday or Thursday, March 8 or 9, 2017, visit southendtheatres.org.uk or call the Cliffs Pavilion box office on 01702 351135.

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BROTHERHOOD (15, 105 mins)

THIRD time's no charm for director, writer and actor Noel Clarke as he concludes his streetwise London-set trilogy, which began 10 years ago with *Kidulthood* and continued forlornly two years later with *Adulthood*.

The final chapter is self-indulgent and lacks dramatic momentum.

The youthful swagger and urgency of earlier pictures has completely evaporated from *Brotherhood*, which returns to the unforgiving streets of the capital in the company of a beleaguered father, who is trying to break the cycle of violence that landed him in prison.

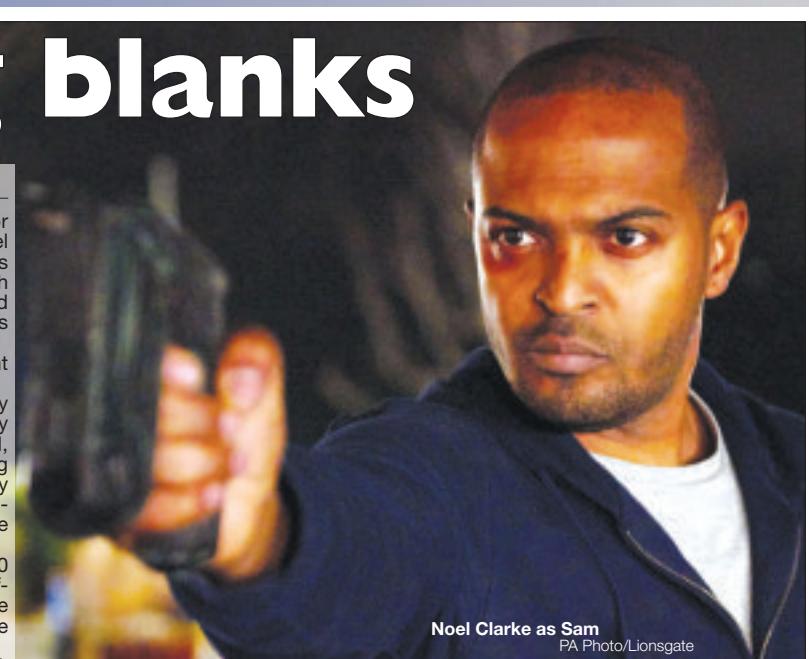
Clarke's penchant for spewing 20 words of dialogue when five will suffice is still in evidence and at least one scene teeters on the brink of risible for its tearful earnestness.

The script gives pitifully short shrift to female characters, who are two-dimensional and repeatedly objectified.

Clarke relishes superfluous shots of sex workers strutting around naked or performing degrading acts.

Were it not for a memorable supporting turn from Arnold Oceng and a running gag about the desirability of a supermarket reward card, this would be an interminable slog from beginning to laughable end.

Sam Peel (Clarke) has pieced his life back together following his spell behind bars with the help of his mother (Adjoa Andoh), lawyer girl-



Noel Clarke as Sam

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friend Kayla (Shanika Warren-Markland) and their two children.

Ghosts of the past return to haunt the former jailbird when gun-toting thugs shoot his brother and leave behind a threatening message that reads WE'RE NOT DONE.

Old adversary Uncle Curtis (Cornell John) and local gangland leader Daley (Jason Maza) are determined to lure Sam back to the dark side by threatening the safety of his loved ones.

Faced with losing everything, Sam feels he has no choice but to revert to threats and intimidation to survive, and he calls upon wisecracking

best friend Henry (Oceng) as his brother in dire straits.

"It's funny," angrily remarks Kayla. "You keep saying you want to protect us, but who's going to protect us from you?"

Brotherhood is one slice of gritty urban angst too far for Clarke.

Explosions of violence don't always serve the ramshackle narrative and any pertinent moral conundrums about meeting force with force are lost amidst the navel-gazing and gratuitous nudity.

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■ Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.

■ Development Healing Circle – Face

Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8.30pm, 07879 004744.

■ Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 293993.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

■ Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group – call 01702 345156 or 343121.

■ Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, 01702 715111.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

Tuesday, September 6

- Magic: The Gathering Club – play and trade, beginners welcome, Laindon Community Centre, SS15 6NX, 6-10pm, email: BasildonMTG@hotmail.com.
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Instructor: David Puncher**Mobile: 07788 196 737****Email: david.puncher@talktalk.net**

- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 8.30pm, £5, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus, 07961 314983.
- Dance Class – instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, 01702 546219 / 542349.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge, Emma 01702 471873.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Scrab Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Lairdon, First session free, call or text 07952 043456.
- Tea Dance – Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm, 01702 584575.
- Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
- The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm, 01702 610000/466827.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Frysers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, if wet in church foyer), 10am to noon.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258861.
- Bingo – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
- Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
- Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691 / 525141 / 340617.
- Little Lunchers Active Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
- Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury Ness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with children up to five years old. 01702 577656.

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Wednesday, September 7

- Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – Alan Barnes Quintet The Chichester Hotel, Rawreth SS11 8UE, 8pm, £10 on the door. Tel: 07850 607075.
- Al-Anon meeting – Worried about someone else's drinking? Al-Anon international, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics share their experience in order to solve common problems. 7.30-9pm, All Saints Church, 1 Sutton Road, Southend, SS2 5PA.
- Hatha Yoga Class – Leigh Community Centre, Leigh, 9.30-11am, 01702 552260.
- Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoebury Ness, Jim Davis 01702 292867.
- Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS2 3PA, 07948 108195.
- Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, small friendly club, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.
- Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the church, 109, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD



CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Don't be afraid of everything terrifying (8)
- 5. A pair of braces? (4)
- 9. Divide role (4)
- 10. So returns finally as finest incombustible material (8)
- 11. Higher in the group, perhaps (5)
- 12. A rum one to inflame with love! (7)
- 13. The scale of sanity? (6,7)
- 18. Padre has links, including converted friend (8)
- 19. Repair what Malcolm has (4)
- 20. End of the road that is difficult for obstinate politician (7)
- 21. Some fine verses? Not at all! (5)
- 22. The end of the game for a fellow-worker (4)
- 23. It covers the wound when putting clothes on (8)

DOWN

- 2. Formerly enough, for instance (7)
- 3. Withdraw to doctor again? (7)
- 4. Does he put up colleges for men teachers? (6,7)
- 6. Our town appears to be old-fashioned (7)
- 7. Guardedness about nest-egg? (7)
- 8. Remember about visit (6)
- 13. Lady takes in current road surface (7)
- 14. The most parsimonious are sent out (7)
- 15. Keeping head above water with nothing in a tenement (6)
- 16. First-class but 1000 deducted for being without purpose (7)
- 17. Business worry (7)
- 23. Valuer (8)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Squeeze (8)
- 5. Tie (4)
- 9. Strand (4)
- 10. Enthusiasm (8)
- 11. Foolish (5)
- 12. Rouse (7)
- 13. Unique (13)
- 18. Careless (8)
- 19. Gown (4)
- 20. Lay by (7)
- 21. Plank (5)
- 22. Whirlpool (4)
- 23. Valuer (8)
- DOWN
- 2. View (7)
- 3. In vogue (7)
- 4. Insomnia (13)
- 6. Unfold (4,3)
- 7. Swell (7)
- 8. Chant (6)
- 13. Rising (7)
- 14. Commanded (7)
- 15. Last (6)
- 16. Timid (7)
- 17. Ban (7)

Last week's solutions

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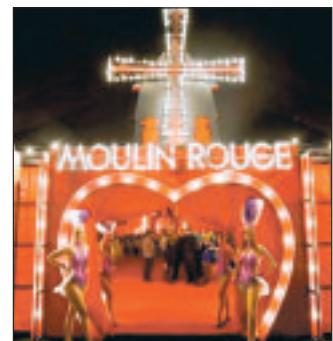
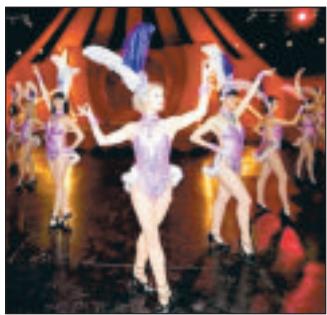
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Lines close on Thursday, September 8. Entries received after the closing date will not be counted but may still be charged. Service Provider: JMedia UK Limited, RH16 3EG. Tel: 020 7720 7130.

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As well as freshly preparing standard Indian dishes Kamrul and his team serve specialities that will suit all tastes and mouth-watering cuisine such as Bombay sizzling tava, Zinga delight, Sylhti bahar and Shaslik chicken masala.

Blue Chutney is not only the place to eat



delicious food, but is also a venue for tribute nights and entertainment evenings. Future attractions include Nat Augustin as George Benson and Stevie Wonder on Saturday, September 17.

The evening, which includes a buffet meal with 12 delicious dishes to choose from as well as poppadoms and starters served at your table, costs £22.95 per head.

Diners can party at the Blue Chutney thanks to its drinks promotion on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Enjoy a starter, main course, side dish, rice or naan bread from the menu (king prawn extra £3.30) and as much drink as you want for one hour 45 minutes. You must book your table in advance to enjoy this offer, which costs £21.95 per person on Wednesdays and £25.95 on Fridays.

Drinks include Cobra and Carling draught beer, wine by the glass, spirits – vodka, gin, whisky and brandy, as well as Baileys, Malibu, Archers and soft drinks (excludes wines by the bottle and champagne, terms and conditions apply).

Until the end of October the restaurant is running a main meal two-for-one or four-for-two offer (except Saturdays and tribute nights).

Blue Chutney offers a full takeaway service with free local delivery, and is open Monday to Sunday from noon to 2pm, as well as from 5.30pm to 10.30pm from Monday to Thursday; 5.30pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday; and from 5pm to 10.30pm on Sunday.

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Connells signs up to Childline's “30 for 30 Local Corporate Initiative”

Local estate agency Connells in Rayleigh is delighted to have signed up to become a Local Corporate Supporter celebrating Childline's 30th Anniversary. As part of its support for chosen charity, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) – which provides Childline's counselling service – Connells has pledged to raise £2,000 over the course of the next year to support the cause.

To celebrate Childline's 30th anniversary, NSPCC has launched its “30 for 30 Local Corporate Initiative” to encourage local businesses to actively fundraise and raise awareness for the cause. The money raised by Connells during the year will go towards more funding for the charity, to continue providing help and advice free of charge to children in need around the UK.

“We are very proud to take part in this campaign and to continue our support of the NSPCC which spans more than 15 years,” says Connor Teanby, Senior Negotiator in Charge at Connells Rayleigh. “As a company, we raise a significant amount for the NSPCC each year and, as we are also celebrating a milestone anniversary this year – our 80th – it seems fitting that we back this particular campaign. We look forward to doing what we can to raise money and awareness for Childline and the brilliant work they do over the coming year.”

Jacqui Venters, Community Fundraising Manager at the NSPCC says: “We are so pleased to have Connells Residential join our 30 for 30 Local Corporate Initiative, celebrating 30 years of Childline. The support they have given NSPCC over the years has been tremendous and it's fantastic that their branches are now joining in the fun and helping to raise vital funds and awareness to keep Childline here for the next generation of children. Thank you Connells and happy 80th anniversary!”

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Rochford £299,995

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Ashingdon £350,000

A fully refurbished 2 bed semi detached bungalow located in a popular location close local bus routes. The property has the advantage of a newly fitted four piece bathroom suite, and a high gloss kitchen with integrated appliances, new flooring throughout, a rear garden measuring approximately 120ft, a driveway and a garage.



Ashingdon £299,995

3 bed semi detached house located in a popular road in Ashingdon. The property benefits from a 20'2 lounge open plan to a dining area, fitted kitchen, on the first floor are three bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate WC, externally the property has a good size rear garden, off road parking and a garage.



Canewdon £250,000

2 bed cottage located in the sought after village of Canewdon. A 15'2 lounge with fantastic views overlooking the river crouch, a four piece bathroom suite, a modern fitted kitchen diner, a large front garden and a ample rear garden with access to a garage. The vendor has also had the loft professionally boarded with two velux windows again.



Barling Magna £435,000

situated on a plot backing open farmland with a balcony off of the master bedroom with far reaching views. completely refurbished and extended and provides good size modern open plan living accommodation with a contemporary style. the option of four bedrooms or use of the g/f rooms and additional reception rooms.



Ashingdon £260,000

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a very popular residential location, close to local shops and bus routes, the property does require refurbishment but has got Upvc double glazing and situated on a corner plot with a garage to the rear and a driveway. viewing essential. no onward chain.



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Rayleigh £425,000

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Westcliff on Sea £225,000

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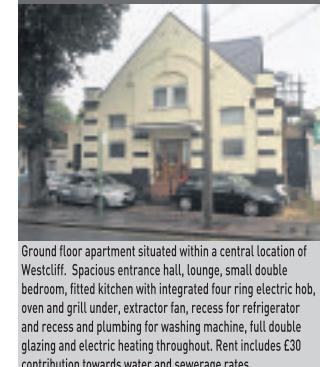
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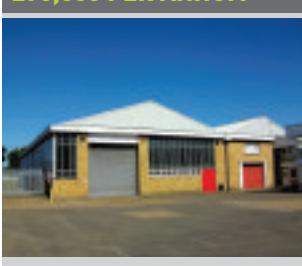
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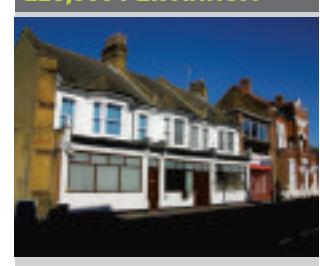
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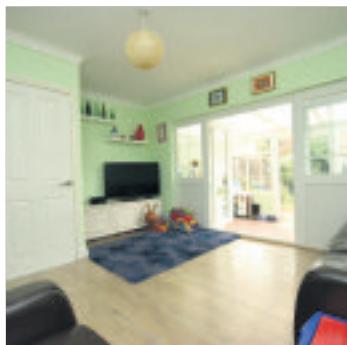
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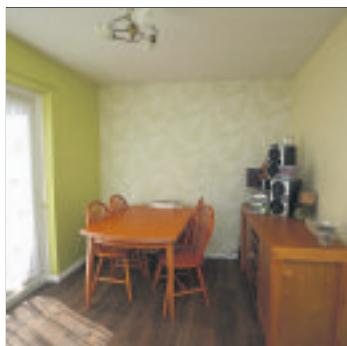
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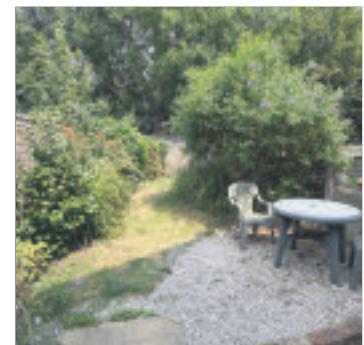
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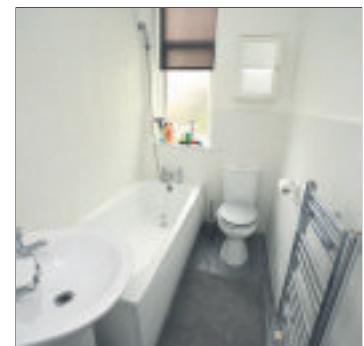
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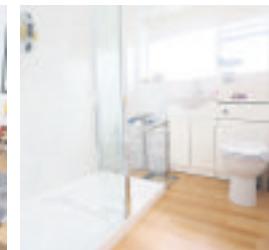
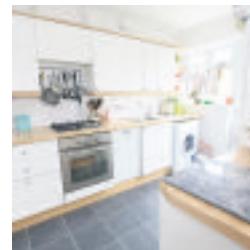
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Hadleigh | £1,100 pcm



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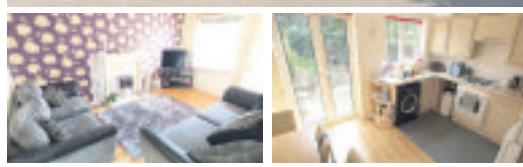


Situated in a quiet road in Hadleigh is this two double bedroom terrace house, close to all the local amenities. The property comprises of a large lounge, modern kitchen, two bedrooms and a four piece bathroom suite. There is a rear garden and off street parking. EPC Band D / Fees Apply

Rayleigh | £925 pcm



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Citroën gives Picasso a brush-up

By Stewart Smith

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With 19,700 C4 Picassos and 25,700 Grand C4 Picassos registered in the UK since 2013, the latest generation five-seat C4 and the larger seven-seat Grand C4 look set to build on the success associated with this class-leading MPV model.

They are available in three trim levels: Touch Edition, Feel and Flair and all feature restyled fronts, new interior trims, upgraded engines and the latest generation connectivity and driver assistance technology.

Both the C4 Picasso and Grand C4 Picasso share a more dynamic front end, keeping the three-tiered light signature at the front and the daytime running lights are intensified with a chrome trim, while the wider, lower front bumper and gloss black central moulding gives both cars a new look up front.

Other changes on the new C4 Picasso include the Mamba 17-inch diamond-finish alloy wheels standard on the Feel trim level, while new Grand C4 Picasso features integrated roof bars and aluminium side profile on the Flair trim level.

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POPULAR: New prices have been announced for the Citroën C4 and Grand C4 Picassos, on sale from September 1

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The PureTech 130 S&S EAT6 automatic will be available on the Feel and Flair ver-

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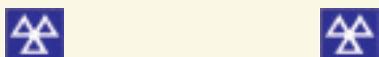
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FANS RIGHT TO BLAME ME - BROWN

Football

Southend United 0-2 Fleetwood Town

Brian Jeeves reporting from Roots Hall Stadium

SOUTHEND United manager Phil Brown responded to the club's angry fans by taking full responsibility for the Blues' dismal Sky Bet League One defeat to Fleetwood Town.

"I'm absolutely one hundred percent behind them," he said. "They were right to vent their anger at the performance, at the team selection, at the tactics, everything."

"I hold myself fully responsible for all that. It was a lacklustre performance, it was one devoid of ideas, of confidence, you name it. You can criticise me any way you want to criticise me, they are absolutely spot-on."

Brown made one change to the side held by Bristol Rovers seven days previous. Tenacious midfielder Jack Bridge came into the starting 11, with David Mooney dropping to the bench.

Just ahead of kick-off, Blues paraded new signing Anton Ferdinand to the Roots Hall crowd. However, the former West Ham United defender witnessed a stuttering start from his new team-mates.

Adam Thompson produced a terrific last-ditch tackle to deny Chris Long, while Bobby Grant was wayward as the visitors searched for an early opening.

Just before the 20-minute mark, Fleetwood took the lead. Long sent a low drive from distance beyond Blues keeper Mark Oxley, to the delight of the small band of travelling fans. And Long was at it again soon after. This time Oxley clung on to his speculative strike.

Fleetwood continued to press. Eggert Jonsson headed Bobby Grant's flag-kick goalwards, only for Jason Demetriou to nod off the line in the nick of time. Then Devante Cole was blocked by Ben Coker and Nathan Pond headed wide as Blues hung on grimly.

Shortly before the break, Ryan Leonard fired over, while Luke O'Neil warmed the palms of Fleetwood keeper Chris Neal as the Blues finally offered

some form of an attacking threat. Indeed, Southend left the field at the break to a chorus of boos from the Blues fans.

And it was little better in the second half. O'Neil sliced horribly wide after Blues started to press with slightly more intent. Meanwhile, Conor McLaughlin fired wide and Cole over as Fleetwood swiftly responded.

Blues threw Mooney into the action in a bid to rescue the game, and the Irishman was denied when Pond produced a fantastic saving tackle as the former Leyton Orient man bore down on goal. Fleetwood believed they had doubled their advantage when Cole's effort was chalked off. Then Ball and Hunter had close-range efforts scrambled away by the ragged Blues rearguard.

With little over 15 minutes remaining, substitute Hunter sent an angled drive past Oxley after Jimmy Ryan had picked him out.

Stephen McLaughlin's wayward late strike summed up the Blues afternoon, testing those still sat in the stand more than keeper Neal.

But many Southend supporters had already headed for the exits while those that remained made their discontent heard in no uncertain terms.

Speaking after the match Brown said: "The next game is always the important one, the next training session is always the important one. We've got to prepare for Brighton on Tuesday night, it's as simple as that."

"We need to try and get the next confident performance. I think at times we look like we knock the ball about, but we knock it about for knocking it about's sake. As I said, I hold myself responsible for that. But we will be drilling the boys regarding a tactic to get something from the game on Tuesday night because that's what we need to do."

"We are in a battle, there's no doubt about it. We haven't started the season as well as we would have liked. It was a shock result against Gillingham you could say, first day of the season. Then you look at the rest of it. Port Vale was lacklustre to a certain extent."



UNDER PRESSURE: Phil Brown

"We deserved to get beat. The one shining light was maybe a 25-minute spell (at Sheffield United) and then going a goal behind against Bristol Rovers and showing a bit of character I suppose."

"But we huffed and puffed too much today. There wasn't enough real stand-out kind of play. Step up to the plate and be counted. I said to them at half-time, there's no sense in waiting for the next guy to step up to the plate, you've got to be the man. We didn't have enough of that today."

Fleetwood manager Uwe Rosler said: "I think we did a lot of things right. We are progressing each game and I was delighted with the players."

Southend United are next in action on Tuesday, August 30, when they take on Brighton and Hove Albion's under-23s in the Checkatrade Trophy (7.45pm). The Blues then travel to the Macron Stadium on Saturday, September 3 to face Bolton Wanderers (3pm).

Southend United: Mark Oxley, Ben Coker, Adam Thompson, Adam Barrett (Capt), Luke O'Neil, Simon Cox (Jason Williams '76), Stephen McLaughlin, Adam King (Jermaine McGlashan '39), Ryan Leonard, Jack Bridge (David Mooney '56), Jason Demetriou Subs not used: John White, Will Atkinson, Jakub Sokolik, Ted Smith (GK)

Fleetwood Town: Chris Neal, Conor McLaughlin, Amari'i Bell, Eggert Jonsson, Ashley Eastham, Nathan Pond (Capt), James Ryan, David Ball (Victor Niremold '80), Bobby Grant (Marty Woolford '66), Chris Long (Ashley Hunter '72), Devante Cole, Subs not used: Alex Cairns, Ricardo Kip, Cian Bolger, Michael Duckworth

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Non-league round-up

Promoted Bowers & Pitsea are off to a flyer

by Brian Jeeves

BOWERS & Pitsea continued their remarkable start to life in Ryman League Division One North with a thrilling 3-2 victory over AFC Hornchurch at the Len Salmon Stadium.

Alfie Hilton, Bradley Warner and Shamari Barnwell ensure that Bowers bounced back from their midweek FA Cup disappointment, while a Tom Hine own goal and Elliot Styles responded for the Urchins. Bowers remain second in the table, separated from leaders Phoenix Sports on goal difference.

Elsewhere in the North section, Michael Finneran, Emmanuel Igboere and Abayomi Seymour found the net as landlord Aveley saw off tenants Romford by three goals to nil at Mill Field. Meanwhile, Lamar Reynolds, Joseph Oseyemi helped Brentwood Town to a 2-0 win over Thamesmead Town. An Adam Mills goal on the stroke of half-time gave Maldon & Tiptree a 1-0 success over Soham Town Rangers.

Witham Town were 3-1 winners at Waltham Abbey. Ryan Charles, Tim Monsheju and Elliot Ronto finding the net for the visitors. Emile Aiken and Jack Carlile were on target as Tilbury saw off Dereham Town 2-1 at Chad Fields, while a solitary Charlie Stimson strike ensured Thurrock a single goal victory over Wroxham.

Tony Jacobs was Great Wakering Rovers' goalscorer in a 1-1 draw at Bury Town, and there was a four-goal thriller as Brightlingsea Regent and Cheshunt shared the spoils at North Road. However, there were defeats for Haringey Borough, 2-1 at Norwich United, and Heybridge Swifts, at leaders Phoenix Sports.

Canvey Island produced a notable Ryman Premier League performance to win 2-1 on the road at Dulwich Hamlet. Harrison Chatting and Ryan O'Rawe grabbing the Gulls goals either side of a Gavin Tomlin strike for the hosts. Grays Athletic also won on their travels.

David Fallah scoring the only goal as they won at Worthing. And their was a 3-0 success for Harlow Town, with Jared Small, Layne Eadie and Alex Read all finding the net. However, a brace from James Fraser saw Billericay Town crash to a 2-0 defeat against Bognor Regis Town at New Lodge.

A first half hat-trick from Oliver Hawkins helped Dagenham & Redbridge to a comfortable 3-0 National League victory over Wrexham at Victory Road. Hawkins' treble, including one from the penalty spot, ensured that the Daggers remained a single point behind early season leaders Trammere Rovers. But Braintree Town's frustrating start to the season continued. A Chez Isaac penalty handed the Iron a first-half lead against AFC Barrow at Holker Street. But the home side hit back after the break with goals from Richard Bennett and Byron Harrison making sure the points remained in Cumbria.

In the National League South, Shamir Mullings and Shaun Jeffers were on target as Chelmsford City saw off Oxford City by two goals to nil at the Melbourne Stadium. A late Reece Harris goal was not enough to prevent East Thurrock United from a 2-1 defeat at Bath City. Nuby Diallo and Marvin Morgan found the net for the Twerton Park club. And Concord Rangers remain rooted to the bottom of the table after Harry Prichard's second-half winner earned Maidenhead United a 1-0 success at the Aspect Arena.

London Bari were 3-0 winners at Burnham Ramblers and there were 2-0 wins for Waltham Forest at Barkingside, and Basildon United over Sporting Bengal United. FC Romania won by a single goal over Southend Manor at Southchurch Park, while Stansted edged out Tower Hamlets by the odd goal in three.

Elsewhere in the ESL, the matches between Wadham Lodge and Redbridge, and Hullbridge Sports and Enfield 1893, both finished goalless.

Selected action from the opening day of the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw 4-0 Premier Division wins for Hannakins Farm at Bishop's Stortford Swifts, and Harold Wood Athletic over White Ensign, while Canning Town were 5-2 winners at Harold Hill.

In Division One, Catholic United hammered Shenfield AFC 5-1 and there was a 2-1 win for Old Southendian over Hutton. Game of the day was in Division Two where FC Hamlets won an entertaining encounter with Ongar Town by five goals to three.



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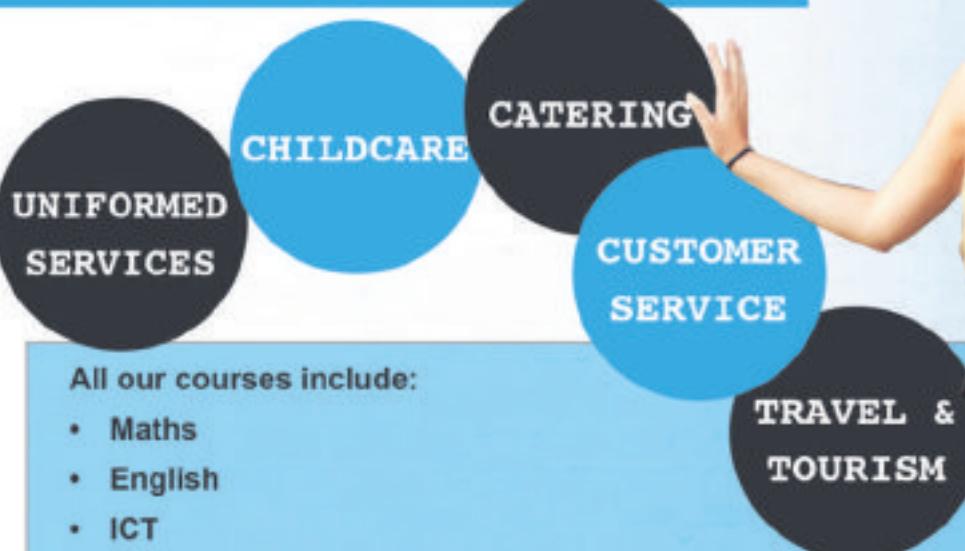
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